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W A S H I N G T O N

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Dear George:

I have read with deep interest the memorandum of [REDACTED] to you of November 26, reporting on FBIS coverage during the two crisis periods. The report made me aware more fully than I had been of the capability of FBIS to adjust rapidly to changing conditions and to cover crises such as those in Eastern Europe and the Middle East as completely as indicated.

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More than this, however, I would like to take this occasion to tell you and the people of FBIS how indispensable a task they are performing for those of us who must keep currently informed on a moment-by-moment basis and transmit accurate reports to our superiors. It is no exaggeration to say that in my briefing function for the Secretary, I rely very heavily upon FBIS and have found its service to be not only rapid and timely, but highly intelligent and sensitive in its selection of material. There have been too many occasions of superlative performance in the last month or so for me to single out individual ones; rather I would like to commend all of the personnel from top to bottom.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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